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NEWS SUMMARY: COIN DEALER CHARGED IN MAIL AND WIRE FRAUD

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Leslie John Hamilton, Jr. (AKA John Halvorson), age 52 and Angelina Roebuck, age 51 were charged in a 28 count federal indictment with a scheme to defraud investors. Hamilton conducted business under the names Capital Marketing Corporation, Capital Investments, Capital Collectibles and Capital Collectibles of Nevada, LLC. Hamilton's main business office was originally at 3347 Memorial Drive Sheboygan, Wisconsin until 1999, when he relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada.

The indictment, which charges that the scheme was executed by mail and wire fraud, alleges that Hamilton offered rare coin and currency investments, then used the investor funds for personal expenses and to pay earlier investors. By the end of 2001, Hamilton is said to have taken in millions of dollars in investment funds from hundreds of investors living in Wisconsin, Nevada, Arizona, California, Florida, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Colorado. Approximately 300 investors reside in Wisconsin.

Hamilton and Roebuck are also alleged to have furthered the scheme by soliciting additional funds to re-grade coins Hamilton claimed to have in hand, in order to deter action by state and federal investigators.

Hamilton and Roebuck face up to 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both for each count in which they are named.

The case was investigated by the Division of Securities of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Carol L. Kraft.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of returning charges against an individual and does not constitute inference of his or her guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, that the government established his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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